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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of decreasing a cytokine mediated hepatic injury response in a mammal comprising administering the peptide shown in SEQ ID NO:1 to the mammal in a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation at a dose and duration to decrease a cytokine mediated hepatic injury response.

2. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein said compound is administered prior to said response.

3. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein said compound is administered subsequent to said response.

4. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein said compound is administered substantially concurrently with said response.

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 1 wherein said compound is administered in the formulation selected from the group consisting of a solution, an emulsion and a suspension.

6. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim ~~1~~ 10 wherein said compound is administered parenterally.

7. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim ~~1~~ 10 wherein said compound is administered at a concentration in the range of about 0.5 mg/kg to about 20 mg/kg.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for treating hepatic injury in a mammal caused by a chemical toxin comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective concentration of the peptide shown in SEQ ID NO:1 for a duration to treat hepatic injury caused by the chemical toxin.

9. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 8 wherein the chemical toxin is selected from the group consisting of ethanol, lead, cadmium, carbon tetrachloride, and acetaminophen.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for treating a bacterial ~~or viral~~ infection related hepatic injury in a mammal comprising administering a pharmaceutically effective concentration of the peptide shown in SEQ ID NO:1 for a duration to treat hepatic injury related to the bacterial or viral infection.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 wherein the bacterial ~~or viral~~ infection is caused by an organism selected from the group consisting of *Staphylococcus* species, *Streptococcus* species, *Neisseria* species, *Salmonella*

species, *Shigella* species, *Escherichia coli*, *Clostridium perfringens*, *Klebsiella* species, *Proteus* species, *Enterobacter* species, *Bacteroides* species, *Brucella* species, *Francisella tularensis*, *Listeria monocytogenes*, *Acinetobacter* species, *Streptobacillus moniliformis*, *Vibrio* species, *Helicobacter pylori*, *Pseudomonas* species, *Haemophilus* species, *Bordetella pertussis*, ~~influenza viruses, adenoviruses, paramyxoviruses, rubella~~ viruses, polioviruses, ~~hepatitis viruses, herpesviruses, rabies viruses, human immunodeficiency viruses and papilloma viruses.~~

12. (NEW) The method of claim 10 wherein said compound is administered at least until hepatic function normalizes.